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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Los Angeles – LAPD Takes Steps Toward Deploying Drones in Yearlong Test**

(U) The Los Angeles Police Department took another step toward using drones in some tactical situations after its civilian leaders yesterday approved a \$31,500 donation to purchase the devices. The yearlong pilot program, approved by the Police Commission last fall, won't begin until the department buys the drones and teaches officers how to use them. Advocates say camera-mounted drones could help protect officers and others by collecting crucial information during high-risk situations or searches without jeopardizing their safety.

SOURCE: 9 January 2018, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) San Diego – Flu's Death Toll Doubles to 91; County Holds Off on Emergency Declaration

(U) The number of flu deaths doubled and thousands more cases were reported last week, but county supervisors backed away from declaring a local health emergency yesterday after receiving assurances from public health officials that current resources are enough to handle the situation. The San Diego county's chief medical officer said such a declaration would be justified only if local health systems needed more direct help from the county. This season's influenza-related deaths jumped last week from 45 to 91.

SOURCE: 9 January 2018, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Nevada – Increased Security Measures Announced for CES; No Known Credible Threats Reported**

(U) Las Vegas – The Consumer Electronics Show (CES) is warning attendees will see heightened security this year at the annual event in Las Vegas. In response to potential threats, this year CES includes noticeably ramped-up security, including vehicle blockades and highly visible armed law enforcement. Convention organizers also contracted with LiveSafe to offer the company's safety app, which will let people report suspicious activity and get safety information. Local resorts have also worked on increasing their security, with some looking to technology to make improvements. For instance, Westgate started testing new radar sensors made by Patriot One that can scan guests for guns, knives or bombs. Mandalay Bay will also continue to serve as a major site for CES events, with officials expressing confidence in the resort's security efforts.

SOURCE: 8 January 2018, [NBC News](#)

(U) New York – FBI Director Calls Encryption a 'Major Public Safety Issue'

(U) New York – FBI Director Christopher Wray renewed a call for tech companies to help law enforcement officials gain access to encrypted smartphones yesterday at Fordham University's International Conference on Cyber Security, describing it as a "major public safety issue." Wray said the FBI was unable to gain access to the content of 7,775 devices in fiscal 2017 — more than half of all the smartphones it tried to crack in that time period — despite having a warrant. The FBI has highlighted this challenge to its investigative work, which it calls "Going Dark," for more than a decade. The issue

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has grown more pressing, with the advent of smart phones that not even their manufacturers can unlock because they do not hold the encryption key.

SOURCE: 9 January 2018, [Washington Post](#)

(U) Pennsylvania – Border Patrol Agents Seize about \$22M Worth of Cocaine at Port

(U) Philadelphia — Federal customs officials said they recently discovered more than 700 pounds of cocaine hidden inside bedroom furniture and kitchen cabinets that were shipped to the Area Port of Philadelphia from Puerto Rico. The drugs, which had a street value of about \$22 million, were seized in November by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers. This is CBP's sixth largest cocaine seizure, and the 10th largest of any illicit drug in the Port of Philadelphia. More than 250 bricks of a white powdery substance that field tested positive for cocaine were concealed in the false walls and cabinetry compartments.

SOURCE: 8 January 2018, [WTAE](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Israel – Hamas Praises West Bank Attack**

(U) Jerusalem — Palestinian militant group Hamas has praised a drive-by shooting that killed a Jewish father-of-six near his home on a West Bank settlement on last night. At least one gunman fired shots at Rabbi Razel Shevach, 35, killing him as he drove on the highway near the outpost of Havat Gilad, close to the Palestinian city of Nablus. No group has claimed responsibility but Hamas, the Gaza-based militant organization that considers Israel to be its arch-enemy, "blessed" the attack. Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum said the attack was "a result of the Zionist occupation and crimes against our people in the West Bank and Jerusalem and the Al-Aqsa Mosque," referring to the site in Jerusalem that is the third holiest in Islam.

SOURCE: 10 January 2018, [Newsweek](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**(U) Arizona – Nogales CBP Officers Seize 180 Pounds of Drugs over the Weekend**

(U) Nogales – CBP officers arrested four people from Mexico and seized 180 pounds of drugs including marijuana, heroin, methamphetamine, and cocaine. The incidents began on Friday morning when officers at the Dennis DeConcini crossing pulled a 25-year-old man from Mexico for secondary inspection of his SUV. A CBP canine helped officers find nearly 117 pounds of marijuana, worth an estimated \$58,000. Additional seizures over the weekend netted 62 pounds of drugs worth an estimated \$273,000.

SOURCE: 9 January 2018, [Tucson News Now](#)

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